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COMMITTEES.

On Obituaries..R. C. JACKSON, J. A. HODGES and W. A. COLVILLE

On Ministerial Labor.....Chairman, I. W. TAYLOR, Dunn, N. C. Secretary, G. B. STRICKLAND, Smithfield, N. C.; W. J. JERNIGAN, ALEX. MUNS, W. P. COLYER and W. A. COLVILLE.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

S. B. THAIN	Glenmore,	N. C.
ROBERT STRICKLAND	Glenmore,	"
J. F. HILL	Aaron,	"
LUNDA LEE	Giles' Mill,	"
KENITH RAYNOR	Red Spring,	"
J. S. ELLIS	Clayton,	"
R. C. JACKSON	Hawley's Store,	"
J. A. HODGES	Benson,	"
J. E. SMITH	Myatt's Mills,	"
W. R. GLOVER	Little River Academy,	"
W. B. HARE	Manchester,	"
J. F. OWEN	Dunn,	"
C. A. JACKSON	Dunn,	"
J. M. LEE	Dunn,	"
J. A. ROUSE	Dunn,	"
JOSEPH SALMON	Fayetteville,	"
H. W. JERNIGAN	Dunn,	"
J. W. LUCAS	Dunn,	"
J. E. ENNIS	Key,	"
L. E. JOHNSON	Saulston,	"
WM. J. JERNIGAN	Dunn,	"
H. H. GOFF	Shine,	"
W. M. POPE	Dunn,	"
HANNIBAL POPE	Dunn,	"
J. H. FAIRCLOTH	Buckhorn,	"
D. R. STAFFORD	Four Oaks,	"
J. W. MOORE	Four Oaks,	"

LICENTIATES.

RICHARD HOBSON, W. R. LANGLEY, A. B. GUY, DANIEL FAIRCLOTH, D. R. JONES, R. W. BASS and W. W. CAPPS.

ORDAINING COUNCIL.

LTNDA LEE, R. C. JACKSON and ROBERT STRICKLAND

Proceedings of the Cape Fear Conference,

Held at Colyer's Chapel Church, Cumberland County, N. C.

FIRST DAY—November 3, 1898.

The congregation assembles in the church at 12 m. Prayer is offered by Elder R. C. Jackson. Elder J. F. Owen, who was elected to preach the introductory sermon, was present and preached from Ephesians 3:14-15. "For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named."

After an intermission of fifty minutes, Conference reassembles and proceeds to enroll those entitled to membership.

OFFICERS.

H. W. Jernigan, Moderator; Alex Muns, Treasurer; J. F. Jackson, Secretary.

COMMITTEES.

On Obituaries—R. C. Jackson, J. A. Hodges.

On Ministerial Character—C. M. Core, A. W. Gregory.

On Ministerial Labor—I. W. Taylor, W. J. Jernigan, Alex Muns, W. P. Colyer.

Ordained Ministers—Lunda Lee, J. S. Ellis, R. C. Jackson, J. A. Hodges, J. E. Smith, W. B. Hare, J. F. Owen, C. A. Jackson, J. A. Rouse, H. W. Jernigan, J. W. Lucas, J. L. Ennis, L. E. Johnson, H. H. Goff, J. F. Hill, Joseph Salmon, Robt. Strickland, W. R. Glover, S. B. Thain, J. W. Moore, J. M. Lee, Kenith Raynor.

Ordaining Council—Lunda Lee, R. C. Jackson, Robert Stricklond.

LICENTIATES.

Richard Hobson, W. R. Langley, A. B. Guy, Hannibal Pope, J. H. Faircloth, D. R. Stafford, W. M. Pope, Daniel Faircloth, G. A. Pope, D. R. Jones.

CHURCHES AND DELEGATES.

Prospect—C. L. Avery, J. L. Byrd.
Colyer's Chapel—N. B. Norris, E. W. Parker, J. E. Lucas.
Pleasant Grove—A. S. Lucas.
Hodges' Chapel—J. R. Strickland, R. C. Pool.
Long Branch—Z. Taylor, J. M. Wade, L. W. Tart.
Shady Grove—W. A. Jackson, J. E. Wilson, W. B. Dudley.
Stony Run—Nathan Barefoot, W. E. Jernigan, W. C. Jernigan.
New Hope—J. B. Jernigan, S. J. Thain, W. B. Strickland.
Johnston Union—By letter.
St. Mary's Grove—Not represented.
Johnston's Chapel—W. H. Barbour, Lemuel Hardy, L. M. Capps.
Union Springs—W. H. Gregory, A. J. Gregory.
Wood's Grove—J. L. Alphin.
Casey's Chapel—I. Grant.
Bethel—Not represented.
Anderson Creek—Richard Hobson.
Hopewell—Alex Muns, D. A. Thompson, E. E. Parker.
Dunn—I. W. Taylor, W. F. Gainey, G. W. Wade.
Lee's Chapel—S. W. Williford, Milton Lee, L. R. Holland.
New Zeland—M. F. Blackman, N. T. Altman, G. A. Atlman.
Beasley's Grove—J. A. Johnson.
Lee's Grove—Not represented.
Ebenezer—By letter.
Williams' Grove—A. B. Guy, A. A. Beasley, Sandy Stewart.
Plainview—R. W. Bass, I. E. Jones, M. B. Tew.
Robert's Grove—W. W. Capps, J. T. W. Edwards, P. T. Jackson.
Corinth—J. C. Smith, J. R. Phillips.
Owen's Grove—Amma Pope, M. W. Simmons, D. L. Owen.
Oak Grove—Verbal.
St. Paul—O. B. Warren, F. M. Dameron, B. J. Daughtry.
Hickory Grove—(Robeson County), K. W. Jackson, Isham Jackson, Wiley Deel.
Weaver's Grove—W. J. Mitchel.
Western Conference—J. W. Fuquay.
S. C. Conference—W. P. Gause.
Central Conference—W. H. Frost.
Fort Run—D. R. Jones, H. H. Goff.

Yelvington's Grove—Thomas Godwin, W. H. Godwin.
Hickory Grove—(Cumberland County), J. H. Faircloth.

ENROLLMENT OF NEWLY ORDAINED MINISTERS.

On motion Elder H. H. Goff is enrolled as a member of this body, from Fort Run Church.

ENROLLMENT OF LICENTIATES.

On motion Bros. R. W. Bass, W. W. Capps and W. J. Jernigan are enrolled as licentiates.

PETITIONARY LETTERS.

The following is a list of the new churches admitted as members of this Conference:

Fort Run, Green County, N. C.; formerly belonged to the Eastern Conference.

Yelvington's Grove, Johnston County, N. C., organized by Elders C. A. Jackson and J. A. Hodges.

New Zeland, Johnston County, N. C., organized by Elder Lunda Lee.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES.

Fiance—J. T. W. Edwards, W. E. Jernigan, Milton Lee.
Religious Exercises—N. B. Norris, I. W. Taylor, J. E. Wilson.

VISITING BRETHREN.

The hand of fellowship is extended to Rev. C. C. King, of the Western Conference, and Rev. David Pate, of the Pee Dee Association, who are entitled to all the privileges of the Conference, save that of voting.

On the second day, November 4, the Moderator extended the hand of fellowship to Revs. W. W. Avant, of Pee Dee Association, and P. T. Lucas, of the Western Conference, who are given the same privileges as those above.

ASSISTANT OFFICERS.

The Moderator calls to his assistance Elder Lunda Lee. The Secretary calls to his assistance Bro. F. M. Dameron.

REPORTS.

The Committee on Religious Exercises report to preach to-night at 7:30. Elder L. E. Johnson opens, followed by

Elder H. H. Goff. To-morrow, at 10:30, Rev. C. C. King, followed by Rev. W. P. Gause.

The different churches make their reports.

On motion by Bro. W. J. Jernigan, Conference adjourns until to-morrow morning 9:30.

Prayer, Elder J. L. Ennis.

SECOND DAY—November 4.

According to adjournment, Conference is called to order by the Moderator at 9:30 a. m. Religious exercises are conducted by Elder J. F. Hill. Roll is called and 57 members answer. Minutes of yesterday are read and approved.

On motion by Rev. C. A. Jackson, Bro. D. R. Jones, from Fort Run Church, Green County, is enrolled as a licentiate.

On motion by Elder Lunda Lee, the Church of Zion, Sampson County, is discontinued from the minutes.

On motion by Elder R. C. Jackson, resolution offered by Bro. W. A. Jackson is received for discussion and adopted. (See Resolutions).

The Committee on Religious Exercises report to preach this afternoon at 2 o'clock, Elder C. A. Jackson, followed by Rev. P. T. Lucas. To-night, at 7:30, Elder Robert Strickland, followed by Rev. W. W. Avant.

Conference adjourns 50 minutes for dinner.

At 1:30 Conference reassembles in the house and resumes business under the head of Resolutions.

On motion by Elder Joseph Salmon resolution offered by Elder Jno. L. Ennis amending Article 5 of the Constitution is adopted. (See resolution).

Resolution by Elder J. W. Lucas recommending the discontinuance of fermented wine in the communion services is adopted. (See resolution).

Resolution offered by Bro. Z. Taylor repealing the resolutions creating a committee of five to regulate the work of the ministry is taken up and discussed by Elder R. C. Jackson, Bro. D. R. Jones, Bro. Z. Taylor, Rev. W. W. Avent, I. W. Taylor and others. By vote the resolution is lost by a vote of 48 to 41.

The Committee on Religious Exercises report to preach to-morrow at 10:30. Elder Lunda Lee, followed by Elder J. F. Hill.

Conference adjourns to meet to-morrow morning at 9:30.

Prayer by Elder Joseph Salmon.

THIRD DAY—November 5.

According to adjournment, Conference is called to order by the Moderator at 9:30 a. m.

Religious exercises are conducted by Rev. J. W. Fuquay.

Roll is called and 89 members answer.

Minutes of yesterday are read and approved.

On motion by Elder W. R. Glover resolution offered by Bro. F. M. Dameron is adopted. (See resolutions).

On Motion by Bro. Z. Taylor resolution offered by Bro. J. E. Wilson is received for discussion and adopted. (See resolutions).

The Moderator appoints as a committee to carry into effect the above resolution Elders R. C. Jackson, J. A. Hodges, J. F. Hill and Bros. J. E. Wilson and W. H. Gregory.

Conference adjourns one hour for dinner. At 1:30 Conference reassembles and resumes business under the head of Resolutions.

On motion by Elder J. F. Owen, resolution offered by Bro. A. W. Gregory is adopted. (See Resolutions.)

Resolution offered by Bro. A. W. Gregory concerning the amending of the resolutions regulating the work of the ministry is lost.

The Committee on Religious Exercises report to preach to-morrow at 10:30 Rev. W. H. Frost, followed by Elder R. C. Jackson.

On motion by Elder Joseph Salmon, the report of the committee appointed to sell or dispose of New Chapel Church is adopted and committee discharged. (See Report).

On motion by Bro. Nothan Barefoot, the report of committee appointed to examine the Book of Records is adopted and committee discharged. (See Report.)

On motion by Elder Joseph Salmon, report of Committee on Ministerial Labor concerning filling vacancies is adopted. (See Report.)

On motion by Bro. I. E. Jones, the report of Committee on Ministerial Character is adopted. (See Report.)

On motion by Bro. A. W. Gregory, Conference dispenses reading the reports of the ministers.

On motion by Elder John L. Ennis, report of the Ministers' Meeting is ordered to be copied in a condensed form.

On motion by Bro. D. R. Jones, the resignation of Bro. W. J. Jernigan as one of the Committee on Ministerial Labor is accepted.

Bro. A. W. Gregory is elected on the Committee on Ministerial Labor to fill the vacancy caused by the absence of Bro. G. B. Strickland.

Bro. J. L. Alphin is elected on the Committee of Ministerial Labor to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Bro. W. J. Jernigan.

On motion by Elder John L. Ennis, the report of Sunday School Convention is adopted. (See Report.)

On motion by Bro. Nathan Barefoot, the report of Finance Committee is adopted and committee discharged. (See Report.)

On motion by Elder J. F. Owen, the next Sunday School Convention will be held with the church at Robert's Grove, Sampson county, on Saturday before the first Sunday in October, 1899.

On motion by Elder C. A. Jackson, the Secretary is ordered to have 800 copies of the proceedings of this Conference printed and to distribute them as follows: South Carolina Conference, 25 copies; Central Conference, 25 copies; Eastern Conference, 25 copies; Western Conference, 25 copies; Pee Dee Association, 25 copies, and distribute the balance among the churches of this Conference in proportion to the amount of minute funds.

On motion by Bro. D. R. Jones, the Secretary is allowed $10 for preparing the manuscript and that he be allowed the privilege of getting the work done where he can get the best minutes for the least money. On motion by Elder Joseph Salmon, the report of the Ordaining Council is adopted. (See Report.)

On motion by Elder Joseph Salmon, the report of committee appointed to fix boundary line between the Cape Fear Conference and the Southern Cape Fear Conference is adopted.

On motion by Bro. D. R. Jones, the next session of the Cape Fear Conference will be held with the church at Wood's Grove, Wayne county, N. C. Wood's Grove is about eight miles northeast of Goldsboro.

Pleasant Grove and Shady Grove petition for the first session of the Southern Cape Fear Conference.

By vote the first session of the Southern Cape Fear Conference will be held with the church at Pleasant Grove, Harnett county, N. C. Pleasant Grove is about 3½ miles northwest of Dunn.

On motion the Southern Cape Fear Conference convenes Thursday before the second Sunday in Oct. 1899, at 12 m.

ELECTIONS.

The following are the officers elected for the Cape Fear Conference for years 1899 and 1900:

Moderator, H. W. Jernigan, Dunn, N. C.

Treasurer, Alex. Muns, Smithfield, N. C.

Secretary, W. H. Gregory, Barclaysville, N. C.

The following are the officers elected for the Southern Cape Fear Conference for the years 1899 and 1900:

Moderator, C. A. Jackson, Dunn, N. C.

Treasurer, J. E. Wilson, Bass, N. C.

Secretary, J. F. Jackson, Clinton, N. C.

On motion by Bro. Nathan Barefoot, the report of Committee on Ministerial Labor is adopted.

On motion by Bro. W. H. Gregory, a vote of thanks is tendered the people of this community for their kindness and hospitality.

Elder J. F. Hill is elected to preach the Introductory Sermon for the Cape Fear Conference. Elder J. A. Hodges is elected his alternate.

Elder R. C. Jackson is elected to preach the Introductory Sermon for the Southern Cape Fear Conference. Elder C. A. Jackson is elected his alternate.

The Moderator appoints the following delegates to the different Conferences-

Western Conference—Elder L. E. Johnson.

Central Conference—Bro. D. R. Jones and Elder H. H. Goff.

Eastern Conference—Elder H. H. Goff.

On motion by Bro. I. W. Taylor, Elder H. W. Jernigan is elected a delegate to the South Carolina Conference.

On motion the churches are requested to send up a fund to defray the expenses of the delegates to the different Conferences.

On motion by Elder R. C. Jackson, resolution offered by Bro. W. H. Gregory is tabled.

On motion by Elder J. F. Owen, the pastors of the different churches request their congregations to set apart the last day of December of each year from 12 to midnight in fasting, prayer and thanksgiving.

On motion the Treasurer is ordered to pay over to Elder R. C. Jackson the miscellaneous funds to defray his expenses to the S. C. Conference,

On motion of Elder Joseph Salmon the time of handing in the report of the Committee on Revising the Discipline is extended till next Conference.

On motion by Brother G. W. Wade, Conference adjourns. Prayer is offered by Elder P. T. Lucas.

H. W. JERNIGAN, Moderator.
LUNDA LEE, Assistant Moderator.

J. F. JACKSON, Secretary.
F. M. DAMERON, Reading Clerk.

REPORTS.

COMMITTEE ON BOUNDARY LINE.

We, the Committee appointed to draw up the boundary lines for division of the Cape Fear Conference, beg leave to submit the following reports. After careful consideration we make the dividing line as follows:

Beginning at Raleigh, south with the stage road to Burlington, thence with the Dunn and Lillington road to Dunn, thence with the Goldsboro and Averasboro road to the Wayne County line, thence with the Wayne County line to the W. & W. R. R. and with said road south as far as the bounds of Conference extends.

The churches organized west and south of these boundaries we name the Southern Cape Fear Free-Will Baptist Conference. We except Mt. Pleasant Church which we place in the new Conference.

Respectfully submitted,
J. F. HILL, Chairman,
J. A. HODGES,
J. E. WILSON,
R. C. JACKSON,
W. H. GREGORY, Sec.
Committee.

COMMITTEE ON MINISTERIAL LABOR.

We assign as follows:

Prospect—H. W. Jernigan.
Hodges' Chapel—Robert Strickland and Mission Work.
Pleasant Grove—J. E. Smith and Mission Work.
Anderson Creek—W. R. Glover and Mission Work.
Dunn—R. C. Jackson.
Ebenezer—W. B. Hare and Mission Work.
Williams' Grove—H. W Jernigan.
Weaver's Grove—Hannibal Pope and Mission Work.
Long Branch—Lunda Lee.
Colyer's Chapel—C. A. Jackson.
Hickory Grove, Cumberland County—Joseph Salmon and Mission Work.

Shady Grove—W. H. Jernigan.
Stony Run—J. A. Rouse and Mission Work.
Lee's Chapel—L. E. Johnson and Mission Work.
Plainview—R. C. Jackson.
Robert's Grove—Lunda Lee.
Corinth—W. M. Pope and Mission Work.
Owen's Grove—J. F. Owen.
Oak Grove—J. L. Ennis and Mission Work.
St. Paul—R. C. Jackson and D. R. Stafford.
New Hope—J. L. Ennis and Mission Work.
Johnston's Union—H. H. Goff and Mission Work.
St. Mary's Grove—W. M. Pope and Mission Work.
Johnston's Chapel—J. W. Lucas and Mission Work.
Union Springs—C. A. Jackson.
Hopewell—J. M. Lee and Mission Work.
Beasley's Grove—J. A. Hodges and Mission Work.
Mt. Pleasant—Robert Strickland and Mission Work.
Wood's Grove—J. F. Owen.
Casey's Chapel—J. F. Hill.
Hickory Grove, Robeson County—Kenith Raynor and J. H. Faircloth.
Fort Run—L. E. Johnson and J. F. Hill.
Yelvington's Grove—C. A. Jackson.
New Zeland—Lunda Lee and Hannibal Pope.
Bethel—W. J. Jernigan.

A. W. GREGORY, *Secretary.* I. W. TAYLOR, *Chairman.*

MINISTERS' MEETING.

Report of the Ministers' Meeting, held in Dunn, N. C., July 30, 1898: Moderator, J. F. HILL. Secretary, A. W. GREGORY.

Object stated by R. C. Jackson. Object: "That the ministry may be a unit in promoting the Kingdom of Christ."

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES.

On Arrangement—H. W. Jernigan, Robert Strickland, J. F. Owen.

On Constitution and Rules of Government—Lunda Lee, H. W. Jernigan, Robert Strickland.

Committee on Arrangement reported Rules of Order the same as Conference Rules of Order, striking out Articles 4, 5, 6 and 9.

Ordained ministers present, 15; Licentiates, 9.

Visitors—W. W. Avant, Evangelist; Mattie Perry, Lecturer.

ADDRESSES.

H. W. Jernigan; Subject, "Christian Alliance and Mission."
W. W. Avant; Subject, "Mission Work."
J. F. Hill; Subject, "Experience in the Ministry and Holiness."
R. C. Jackson; Subject, "Spread of the Gospel."
Mattie Perry; Subject, "Divine Healing."
Several others made talks on the subject of "Equalizing the Work of the Ministry."

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

We, the Finance Committee, submit the following report. We find in the hands of the Treasurer:

For Minutes	$36 07
Miscellaneous	6 62
Mission	4 02
Total	$46 71

Respectfully submitted,

J. T. W. EDWARDS,
W. E. JERNIGAN,
MILTON LEE,
Committee.

ORDAINING COUNCIL.

We, the Ordaining Council, beg leave to submit the following report:

We have duly examined the following applicants for or ordination, viz: W. M. Pope, Hannibal Pope, W. J. Jernigan, J. H. Faircloth and D. R. Stafford and found them orthodox in the faith and ordained them to the full work of the ministry.

Respectfully submitted,

R. C. JACKSON,
LUNDA LEE,
ROBERT STRICKLAND,
Ordaining Council.

BOOK OF RECORDS.

We, the Committee appointed to examine the Book of Records and report to the Secretary in order that the laws necessary to govern the workings of this body, submit the following report: That we examined said Book and reported to the Secretary accordingly.

Respectfully,

R. C. JACKSON,
J. A. HODGES,
LUNDA LEE,
Committee.

COMMITTEE ON MINISTERIAL LABOR.

Filling vacancies.

We, the Committee on Ministerial Labor, submit the following report: On account of sickness we filled the place of Bro. Hill at Hopewell with Bro. Owen; for same cause we filled Bro. Hill's place at Oak Grove with Bro. R. C. Jackson; we filled the place of Bro. Ellis at Union Springs with Bro. J. W. Lucas. The churches have all had regular preaching, so far as we know.

Respectfully,

I. W. TAYLOR,
WM. J. JERNIGAN,
WM. P. COLYER,
Committee.

COMMITTEE TO DISPOSE OF NEW CHAPEL CHURCH.

We, the Committee appointed by this Conference at last session to sell or dispose of New Chapel Church property, beg leave to submit the following report: We find upon investigation that the Church at New Chapel denies having disbanded, and they called Bro. J. S. Ellis to preach for them this year, but later they denied him the privilege of preaching there and we understand they have united with the Wesiern Conference.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. HODGES,
J. S. ELLIS,
D. R. STAFFOTD,
Committee.

COMMITTEE ON MINISTERIAL CHARACTER.

We, the Committee on Ministerial Character, submit the following: We find, or know, nothing derogatory to the Christian character or to the work of the ministers of this Conference.

Respectfully submitted,

A. W. GREGORY,
C. M. COVE,
Committee.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION.

The Sunday School Convention met at the appointed time and place. There being no officers of the convention present, the President pro tem. of last year called the Convention to order and was by motion made President for the day. The President called on Bro. W. A. Stewart to keep a minute of the day. After the necessary arrangements were made the different classes arranged themselves, and after offering prayer, proceeded to sing according to the programme. Number of classes present, 9; number of reports, 5.

We ask the pastors of the different Churches to lecture some time during the year on the subject of Sunday Schools, and ask the Schools to send in reports.

Respectfully,

W. A. JACKSON,
President Pro Tem.

RESOLUTIONS.

Resolution by N. W. Colville as amended by A. W. Gregory, 1898.

Believing that the interest of the churches demand, and in order to extend the bounds of the Conference; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the committee of five equalizing the work of the ministry be elected every two years as other officers are now elected by the body.

Resolution by A. W. Gregory, 1890.

Resolved, That after the ensuing year closes no minister's name shall be continued upon the minutes of the Cape Fear Conference unless he present himself at each annual Conference either in person or by letter.

Resolution by Elder John Moore, 1894, as amended by Elder William Byrd.

Resolved, That a committee of five laymen, members of the Cape Fear Conference, be appointed to have an over-sight of the character of the ministers of this Conference and that said committee report at each annual Conference.

Amendment. That the committee shall constitute a part of said Conference.

Resolution by Elder Lunda Lee, 1893:

Seeing the necessity of a better system of Sabbath School work, be it, therefore, resolved,

First. That this Conference organize a Sabbath School Convention, to be held on Saturday before the first Sunday in October of each year.

Second. That this body elect the necessary officers to govern said Convention, who shall remain in office until their successors are elected.

Third. That each Sabbath School is entitled to one representative, whose duty it shall be to carry a report of his School.

Fourth. That a condensed report of said Convention be made yearly on our minutes.

Fifth. That visiting classes be made welcome in said Convention.

Resolution by A. W. Gregory, 1893:

Resolved, That the Church Letters state to each Annual Conference the number of male and female members in their respective Churches.

Resolution by I. W. Taylor, 1895:

WHEREAS, The present system of Churches in regard to the work of the ministry is insufficient; therefore, be it resolved,

First. That this Conference appoint a committee of five of its members to assign the work of the ministry to the Churches composing this Conference.

Second. That the Clerk of each Church in the Conference is requested to correspond with the chairman of this committee immediately after the appointment of the pastor assigned that Church and inform him whether or not the Church is having preaching.

Third. That said committee shall have power to investigate any rumor or general report against any minister and remove him from any work assigned him and report same to the next Annual Conference for final action, and fill any vacancies.

Fourth. That all laws and clauses of laws in conflict with this act be, and the same is, hereby repealed.

Fifth. That these resolutions shall be in force from and after their ratification.

Resolution by W. A. Jackson, 1898:

Resolved, That no class be allowed to sing in Sunday School Convention unless it brings a report of its work during the year.

Resolution by John L. Ennis, 1898:

Resolved, That Article V. of the Constitution be, and the same is, hereby amended, to read as follows:

"The officers of this body shall be a Moderator, Treasurer, Corresponding and Recording Secretary, who shall be elected for a term of two years, and said election to take place one year prior to their entering upon the duties of said offices.

Resolution by J. W. Lucas, 1898:

Resolved, That this Conference recommend the discontiuuance of fermented or intoxicating wine, and the fruit of the vine be used in the sacramental services in the local churches of the Cape Fear Free-Will Baptist Conference.

Resolution by J. E. Wilson, 1898:

Owing to the extensiveness of the Cape Fear Conference and its extreme boundaries, we think it every way better for a mutual division for the convenience of the weak churches; therefore, be it resolved,

First. That this body appoint a committee to draw up the boundary lines and report at the sitting of this Conference of proposed mutual division.

Second. Said committee shall bring in a name for that group of churches to be organized into a new Conference.

Resolution by F. M. Dameron, 1898:

Seeing the necessity of knowing the value of the Church property belonging to the Cape Fear Free-Will Baptist Conference, be it, therefore, resolved,

First. That the Clerk of each local church be requested to state the aggregate value of their church property each year in ther church letter.

Second. That the Secretary shall make up the total aggregate of said churches and state same on each minute.

ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR 1898.

1. Introductory Sermon by J. F. Hill.
2. Enrollment of Those Entitled to Membership.
3. Organization.
4. Enrollment of New Ordained Ministers.
5. Enrollment of Licentiates.
6. Call for Petitionary Letters.
7. Appointment of Committees.
8. Hand of Fellowship to Visiting Brethren.
9. Reports from Churches.
10. Resolutions.
11. Reports from Committees.
12. Miscellaneous Business.
13. Adjournment.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I. This body shall be known as the CAPE FEAR FREE-WILL BAPTIST CONFERENCE.

ARTICLE II. The object of this Conference shall be to promote Christ's Kingdom among men by means in strict conformity to the Holy Scriptures.

ARTICLE III. This Conference shall be composed of its own officers of the ministers who are members of the churches belonging to the body of delegates from the churches, each church being entitled to three delegates and one representative from each Board and Standing Committee.

ARTICLE IV. The delegates from each church shall bear to the Conference a letter certifying their appointment, showing the condition and statistics of the church, and giving a statement of all funds raised during the year for denominational or other benevolent purposes.

ARTICLE V. The officers of this body shall be a Moderator, a Treasurer, Correspoding and Recording Secretary, who shall be elected for a term of two years, and said election to take place one year prior to their entering upon the duties of said office.

ARTICLE VI. This Conference may, at each regular meeting, elect as many Boards or Standing Committees as may be necessary in carrying out its benevolent purposes. These shall keep a record of their proceedings and make a report at each regular meeting of this Conference.

ARTICLE VII. Any church desiring to become a member of this body shall present her petition at a regular session of Conference through delegates appointed for that purpose. If she be received, the Moderator shall extend to her delegates the hand of fellowship.

ARTICLE VIII. The Conference may extend to visiting hrethren all the privileges of the body, save that of voting.

ARTICLE IX. This Constitution may be amended at any regular session by a vote of four-fifths of the members present.

SABBATH SCHOOL REPORT.

NAME OF SCHOOL.	SUPERINTENDENT.	Members on Roll.	No. Members Belonging to church	No. Joined Church from S. S.	Paid for Literature.	Average Attendance.	Miscellaneous Funds.
Bethel	W. B. Strickland	67	15	....	$ 1 50	32	$ 1 00
Hodge's Chapel.	J. W. Whittenton	36	....	...	94	....	.....
Shady Grove	L. W. Warren	98	75	1	8 60	50	.....
New Hope	W. B. Strickland	86	50	....	3 00	32	8 00
Robert's Grove.	S. F. Jackson	95	38	2	2 55	51	8 25
Total		382	178	3	$16 59	165	$17 25

The next session of the Sabbath School Convention will be held with the church at Roberts' Grove, Sampson county, on Saturday before the first Sunday in October, 1899.

PASTORS' REPORTS.

MINISTERS.	Churches Served.	Members Received.	Sermons Preached.	Funerals.	S. S. Lectures.	Married.	Days in Revivals.	Churches Organized.	Amount Received.	Deacons Ordained.
J. W. Lucas	3	2	110	....	2	4	16	....	$ 14 65	2
W. R. Glover	....	....	75	2	....	1	....	....	25 00	....
J. M. Lee	2	1	.....	2	2	3	15	....	30 30	....
Joseph Salmon	2	....	186	....	....	....	....	....	41 46	....
W. B. Hair	1	....	85	....	....	2	36	....	20 50	....
J. F. Owen	4	37	150	7	....	7	40	....	50 00	3
H. W. Jernigan	4	11	92	....	3	....	....	....	.....	2
*J. L. Eneis	....	...	.....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	....
Robert Strickland.	2	14	90	2	....	2	30	....	43 00	2
L. E. Johnson	...	....	140	3	....	1	....	....	3 00	....
J. F. Hill	4	18	75	5	3	8	34	....	23 47	....
R. C. Jackson	3	76	.....	....	....	....	35	....	45 00	....
C. A. Jackson	3	36	151	2	2	....	64	1	128 50	1
Total	28	195	1,154	23	12	28	270	1	$424 88	10

*Mission work.

STATISTICAL TABLE, 1898.

CHURCHES.	COUNTIES.	Mininute Funds.	Pastor's Support.	Sabbath Schools.	Miscellaneous Funds.	Received.	Baptized.	Excluded.	Dismissed.	Died.	Number of Members.	Increase.	Decrease.	Number of Males.	Number of Females.	Mission Funds.
Prospect	Harnett	$ 1 00	$ 11 60	$ 4 80	$ 6 70	1	....	42	....	1	78	....	41	....	....	$ 10
Hodge's Chapel	Harnett	1 15	14 05	.....	4 40	10	3	5	3	1	176	....	17	62	114	.....
Pleasant Grove	Harnett	1 10	15 28	1 60	205 00	5	4	....	1	1	139	3	....	60	79	.....
Anderson Creek	Harnett	50	60	.....	.....	....	....	1	1	....	53	....	....	21	32	.....
Dunn	Harnett	1 60	.....	6 00	1 00	4	4	1	2	....	98	1	....	44	54	.....
Lee's Grove	Harnett	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....
Ebenezer	Harnett	25	10 35	.....	.....	....	....	1	....	....	18	....	....	....	....	.....
William's Grove	Harnett	80	7 00	.....	15 00	1	1	12	2	....	40	....	13	14	26	.....
Weaver's Grove	Harnett	30	5 00	.....	.....	4	2	....	2	....	13	2	....	4	9	.....
Long Branch	Cumberland	1 35	34 05	.....	.....	1	1	4	....	1	123	....	4	46	77	.....
Colyer's Chapel	Cumberland	1 00	25 00	4 50	37 05	2	....	1	....	1	114	....	....	40	74	7 50
Hickory Grove	Cumberland	10	.....	.....	.....	1	....	1	....	....	13	....	....	11	2	.....
Shady Grove	Sampson	3 50	24 25	8 60	10 00	3	1	2	2	8	351	....	9	145	206	.....
Stony Run	Sampson	1 30	18 00	3 50	.....	4	4	3	5	1	117	....	5	45	72	.....
Lee's Chapel	Sampson	1 10	6 10	3 15	.....	2	....	1	....	....	78	1	....	41	37	.....
Plain View	Sampson	1 36	15 00	7 00	.....	29	11	....	2	....	68	27	....	....	....	.....
Robert's Grove	Sampson	1 22	8 15	10 62	62	8	2	....	....	....	61	8	....	32	29	.....
Corinth	Sampson	90	3 50	2 35	5 50	3	3	1	....	....	46	2	....	17	29	.....
Owen's Grove	Sampson	30	8 90	.....	100 00	24	10	....	....	....	37	24	....	18	19	.....
Oak Grove	Sampson	1 00	.....	.....	.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....
St. Paul	Sampson	1 35	30 00	.....	300 65	36	....	....	....	....	65	36	....	....	....	.....
New Hope	Johnston	1 50	14 20	8 00	1 80	4	....	6	....	....	78	....	2	36	42	1 00
Johnson's Union	Johnston	1 16	20 00	.....	.....	8	4	....	....	1	91	7	....	27	64	.....
St. Mary's Grove	Johnston	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....
Johnson's Chapel	Johnston	1 00	7 05	4 00	.....	1	....	....	....	1	42	....	....	16	26	.....
Union Springs	Johnston	88	12 50	.....	.....	1	....	....	....	1	44	....	....	18	26	.....
Hopewell	Johnston	1 00	25 00	.....	.....	5	3	....	....	....	41	5	....	16	25	.....
Bethel	Johnston	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....
Beasley Grove	Johnston	50	15 75	.....	.....	....	....	1	3	1	48	....	5	15	33	.....
Yelvington's Grove	Johnston	25	.....	.....	.....	....	....	....	....	....	10	....	....	....	....	.....
New Zealand	Johnston	50	.....	.....	.....	....	....	....	....	....	14	....	....	....	....	.....
Mt. Pleasant	Wake	1 10	4 85	.....	.....	2	1	1	3	....	41	....	1	9	32	.....
Wood's Grove	Wayne	3 00	50 00	4 00	133 65	14	7	....	....	2	154	12	....	58	96	1 37
Casey's Chapel	Wayne	1 50	17 00	7 00	10 35	2	....	6	....	....	76	....	4	25	51	.....
Hickory Grove	Robeson	50	15 84	.....	.....	8	1	....	....	....	36	8	....	16	20	.....
Fort Run	Greene	2 00	55 00	.....	.....	....	....	....	....	....	110	....	....	43	67	2 55
Total		$36 07	$473 82	$75 12	$842 72	183	62	89	26	20	2473	137	101	889	1341	$12 52

CHURCH CLERKS, WITH THEIR P. O. ADDRESS.

Prospect	C. L. Avery,	Key,	N. C.
Hodges' Chapel	J. R. Strickland,	Benson,	"
Pleasant Grove	A. S. Lucas,	Dunn,	"
Dunn	Miss Hettie Bass,	Dunn,	"
Anderson Creek	Edmon Hair,	Dunn,	"
Ebenezer	B. H. Hair,	Spout Springs,	"
Williams' Grove	S. Stewart,	Barclaysville,	"
Weaver's Grove	J. H. Faulkner,	Troyville,	"
Long Branch	L. W. Tart,	Dunn,	"
Colyer's Chapel	N. B. Norris,	Carlos,	"
Hickory Grove (Cumberland Co.)	John Horn,	Buckhorn,	"
Shady Grove	W. A. Jackson,	Hawleys Store	"
Stony Run	Wm. J. Jernigan,	Dunn,	"
Lee's Chapel	N. M. Easom,	Timothy,	"
Plain View	J. K. Tew,	Keener's,	"
Robert's Grove	O. M. Jackson,	Hawley's Store	"
Corinth	E. R. Blue,	Falcon,	"
Owen's Grove	D. L. Owen,	Clinton,	"
St. Paul	E. S. W. Dameron,	Hobton,	"
New Hope	W. B. Strickland,	Glenmore,	"
Jonnson's Union	S. C. Turnage,	Smithfield,	"
Johnson's Chapel	J. A. Johnson,	Ezra,	"
Union Springs	A. W. Gregory,	Barclaysville	"
Hopewell	J. W. Alford,	Smithfield,	"
Beasley's Grove	W. Y. Moore,	Benson,	"
Yelvington's Grove	Joseph Wilson,	Smithfield,	"
New Zealand	M. F. Blackman,	Overshot,	"
Mt. Pleasant	J. Q. Adams,	Myatt's Mill,	"
Wood's Grove	J. J. Roberts,	Aaron,	"
Casey's Chapel	E. E. Long,	Elroy,	"
Hickory Grove (Robeson Co.)	J. S. Watson,	Red Springs,	"
Fort Run	K. Wells,	Shine,	"
St. Mary's Grove	B. C. Harper,	Bismarck,	"
Bethel	G. H. Temple,	Four Oaks,	"
Lee's Grove	J. M. Lee,	Dunn,	"